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SCHOOL SOCIAL CENTERS

Nowhere better than in Washington could school houses be used to advantage as social centers in the way pointed out by Miss Margaret Wilson before the American Civic Association yesterday afternoon.

Miss Wilson's definition of the object of the social center movement in one nonpartisan, nonexclusive organization.'

ready are in existence, the citizens' and public service concerns. associations. Among the things that social centers and not, in Miss Wilson's opinion, are neighborhood dances, sewing classes, and such activities, nor are they night schools. These represent useful activities, but activities of another sort.

For many years efforts were made social centers. Now that the legislation has been obtained many of the backers of the effort seem to have lost interest in carrying it out.

TRADE OPPORTUNTIES

Américan business men are turn ing their eyes toward our sister continent to the south as an alluring field for enterprise and investment. Of the countries of South America, Opportunity, or, rather, the land of old opportunities made new. The European war has shackled the trade combinations and influences against us, and for the first time the United States gets a real chance at the trade

of Brazil. The United States always has been Brazil's best customer. Now the opgoods from Brazil amounting to

than \$3,000,00.

As sellers, however, we were surpassed by both Germany and the United Kingdom, the British outsell-

ing us by more than 50 per cent. The European war has nullified European trade combinations which had the better of us in Latin America up to a year and a half ago. We can get into the game now; but we must also prepare for the time when. in it, too.

BIG MEN AND BIG TOWNS

Few questions relating to the welfare of cities, especially to their the clanging of bells. physical improvement, are left untouched in the program of the American Civic Association, meeting here this week. Perhaps because the fact is taken for granted, or is considered obvious, no mention is made of one of the most important elements in city life, the human element, not as it is represented in the mass of a city's population, but in one or two outstanding figures.

That interesting commentator, Girard, in the Philadelphia Public Ledger, raises the question of a man's value to a city in citing Henry Watterson's value to Louisville, Girard says:

The chamber of commerce of such n city has Louisviller wouldn't heal-tate a moment to raise a hundred thousand dollars to keep some important industry from leaving Logis-ville. So far as I know, no city has yet but a money premium upon just a man. But if he is the right man, he is probably worth to a town half a dozen factories

for any city. overshadow the personalities of be preserved. really big men. It matters little The question of a hall of records Electric Horse Keeps Osler.

able mainicipal asset. A city as large ments of inestimable value are sub- harse for exercise.

and rich in personalities as Boston jected, which dangers already have is not too large to need the leader- been alluded to in The Times. Fire ship of men like Henry Lee Hig- has menaced the archives of the Geoginson in the field of music and art; logical Survey. Fire likewise has enand even the gargantuan New York, dangered the records in the Patent to many minds, was dominated by the Office, and their destruction would genius and brain of the late J. Pier- mean thousands of dollars, perhaps pont Morgan.

Association might do well to have a dating back to the Revolution which Others Expected to Follow Lead section on the conservation of great | are of greatest historical interest.

BRIGHT OUTLOOK FOR LABOR

The Pullman Company announced the other day that a big increase in wages would be given its en ployes with the beginning of the new year. was this: "To make every school From New York comes the statebuilding in the United States the ment that a great number of immeeting and voting place of the citi- portant employers are going to raise zens of the school district, associated wages, the total affecting thus far Hunts of that length have frequently average a per cent for all employes reprobably 200,000 earners in that city and immediate environs. From the While the Washington schools can- New York and New England mill disnot be voting places, they can be tricts come like announcements of meeting places. In Washington the increases for operatives in a wide erganizations to meet in them al- variety of industrial establishments

If there were any one possible menace to the nation-wide prosperity outlook it would reside in the danger of labor difficulties this coming year. There have been intimations of unrest in various directions, with sugplace unless wage demands were to get permission of Congress to met. The good disposition of em- the war fever is breaking. On the have the Washington schools used as ployers toward their workers is in- other hand the British demand for dicated by the general tendency to conscription even if it cost the life ered and altogether welcome profits, speech of defiance yesterday to the There might be some excuse for emspace the profits that in some measure would compensate for the losses purpose to necet labor half way and Austria. Every passing week brings to sold refuse to accept a 5 is more. Surely the leaders of organ-new testimony, now, to the economic cent increase in case one was made Brazil especially is the new Land of ized labor may be appealed to for a superiority of the allies. They show Mill ditions in the business world.

No man dares guess what conportunity is offered of making Brazil even more extreme abnormality of a financed is indicated by the enthuone of the best customers of the peace under conditions never before siasm with which they are accepted United States. In 1913 we bought encountered. There is especial rea- by, manufacturers. son why the country-labor, capital. \$100,000,000. while the combined agriculture, transportation, every ac- drive into Russia and the Serbian purchases of Germany and Great tivity-should wish to garner and campaign is calculated to stagger Britain were a little more than preserve the fruits of this possibly calculations. It is reported that Ber-In 1912 we took 50 per cent of plenty. The year 1916 gives all Suez canal. It may be true; but it tary increase in wages, ranging from Brazil's rubber, 42 per cent of her promise of dumping the horn of would be a piece of monumental fol- 5 to 15 per cent, effective January coffee, and 30 per cent of all her ex- plenty with particular lavishness on ly. Aside from the military diffiports. Our Brazilian coffee cost this country. It will depend on the culties, it would be fearfully costly pany's mills in Paterson and Newari \$95,000,000, while Germany's pur- good sense, the far-sightedness, the in the necessaries of war that the chases were less than \$34,000,000 and sound judgment of our own people central powers can least afford. It States Steel Corporation yesterday fixed Great Britain's only a little more whether we shall enjoy to the full is reported that a four-track railway \$65 a share as the price at which it will

CRUSADE AGAINST NOISE

Mrs. Imogen B. Oakley, that valant crusader against needless noises, some and handicapped all of the commends Baltimore for having a noise policeman. That policeman, it harboring barking dogs and crowing with her magnificent army. roosters, he has restrained the autopeace restored. Europe will be back ists who take great pride in the the Germans are hesitating to open morning milk wagons, and he has curbed the shricking of whistles and the Near East; neither of them

department looks after the nasal ensibilities, the police prevent bodily contacts which might jar the sense of feeling, the medical inspectors look to the protection of the mouth from contaminating foods, and other departments see to it, to some exbillhoards and other unsightly spectacles. It is high time someone was coming to the rescue of the auditory

nerves. There is more than an aspect of mere comfort to all this; there is the

Perhaps this statement is not! Most civilized nations exercise exquite true, for the memory is yet treme care in the preservation of fresh of the efforts made, and the historical records and documents. dollars offered, by cities that cov- Even many primitive peoples affordeted the services of Gen. George ed chances for studying their habits Goethals. No doubt he would have and customs by their preservation of Association and the Pan-American Scibeen the best kind of an investment tribal and national records. It is a curious anomaly that the United It is reassuring to realize that States has cared too little for its inmodern civilization cannot become valuable Government records to contoo complex, nor cities too large, to struct a building where they might

whether such men live in cities large in the National Capital has been or small. Emporia was put on the discussed before. It is to be hoped Interned Germans In Trim map by William Allen White, and the meeting of a group of civic and Baltimore was not large enough to historical organizations yesterday to swallow up the fame of a William urge such a building will give an impetus to the movement. Before that make the German have the German salors are designed to minimize the delay in submerging due to meeting were pointed out some of an the internet laiders Kronneinz William the delay in submerging due to minimize the delay in submerging due to make pipe of the internet laiders Kronneinz William the same time dissipating the When Kansas City lost Col. Wil- meeting were pointed out some of liam R. Nelson it lost a most value, the dangers to which public docu- shore liberty, the men invented the and at the same time dissipating

millions, in expensive litigations. Bodies like the American Civic The War Department has records

men. When a city gets hold of a Not so many years ago valuable really great man, be he merchant records of early census enumerations prince, philanthropist, scientist, or were saved from the scrap heap by captain of industry, if should not be the timely intervention of historilacking in appreciation of its good cal bodies which realized their value. Many of the records are now stored in places where they are inaccessible, and they cannot be referred to without a prolonged search.

Aside from the sentimental value of many of the documents, there would be a marked advantage in efficiency if the older ones were collected in one building, and so arranged that they might be referred partment records on which claims sald to be 75,000, against the Government were based.

Senator Poindexter not only has done the National Crantal, but the entire country, a service in his cfforts on behalf of an appropriation to erect such a hall of records.

THE PRESSURE GROWS HEAVY

Making all allowance for the unreliability of information that leaks gestions that big strikes might take out from the central European countries, it is reasonably apparent that divide with them the newly discov- of the cabinet, and General Gallieni's French deputies, attest that the alployers wishing to retain for a little lies are more determined than ever before to carry the war to a finish.

Explanation is not hard to perof a period of depression; but instead ceive. The financial and economic there is commendable evidence of strain is telling on Germany and New ized labor may be appealed to for a superiority of the allies. They show like generous recognition of conbut of being able to sustain, a very | those long war. Munitions orders have ditions may supervene in a few been placed in the United States in months or years. The feeling is wide- recent weeks for material to be despread that present prosperity is livered, it is said, two, four, and based upon the abnormality of war even six years hence. The bulk of conditions, and that it may be fol- these new orders is stupendous; lowed by a depression founded on the that they can be successfully

The cost of such operations as the all too brief season of industrial lin now plans a great drive at the whether we shall enjoy to the full is reported that a four-track railway the advantages thus brought within our grasp.

Is reported that a four-track railway to see the full is reported to see the full more than half a million troops to the Suez region. Such an invasion of Asia would tax Germany's supplies of steel and cars to such an extent as greatly to weaken her vitally important transportation facilities at home. Moreover, it would invite seems, has been able to curb the military disaster, and would welltastes of city dwellers who insist on nigh force Japan to enter the war

Far more likely is the story that raucous tooting of horns, he has a real siege of Saloniki. Either of reasoned with the drivers of early these operations represents all the power that Germany can spare for would be productive of substantial After all there is no reason why a results worth the cost. Perhaps they city should be subjected to useless would appeal to the German imaginoises. Other senses are protected nation, sadly in need of stimulus; Miss Jennie C. Winfield, probation is from offensive assault. The health but great campaigns for such a purpose mean the rapid disintegration of the national power.

Germany and Austria emit more and more frequent intimations that peace conversations may be at hand. tion, to fireman, to cents per hour, englithen to fireman, to cents per hour, englished nearly section. Lawrence A. lett. ele-The allies are increasingly insistent that these can only be futile now.

With the war widening its area and sentence to the section of the s tent, that the eye is not offended by With the war widening its area at threatening soon to increase the number of combatants, there is noth-

"Letter Mailed Forty-five Years

Be Guest At Luncheon

Mrs. Percy V. Pernybacker, president of the National Federation of Women's lubs, who is in Washington attending the sessions of the American Civic entific Congress, will be the guest of Steam Power To Be Used honor at a luncheon to be given by the fustrict Federation of Women's Clubs on January t. plans of which were com-pleted at a meeting of the local organ-izations vesterday. will be given at the The luncheon

New Willard Hotel.

on its front legs, was enrolled today meters served by storage batteries in the Germen navy. It is the new ex-

NEW ENGLAND MILLS RAISE WORKERS' PAY

of Lowell and Nearby Towns Because of Record Year.

POSTON Tice, 30 -- Notices of wage increases affecting many thousand empleyes are posted in cetton mills in various cities of northern New England. This action followed a conference of mill treasurers held in this city, at which it was agreed that improvement in oustness conditions warranted an advance

Cities in which wage increase notices were posted included Nashua, Dover, Somersworth, and Salmon Falls, N. H. and Lowell and Lawrence, Mass. While no specific amount was named, it is to without several days' search. understood here that the advance will been required to find old War De-

The mills announcing the increase have been extraordinarily prosperous This year, it is said, and their servity in 1916. Whether this advance will be followed by a general rendight ment of wages in the entire textile in dustry in New Fueland is uncertain, but other mill interests are said to have had the matter under consideration fo ome weeks.

Increase Comes After Strike.

The first announcement of the proposed advance was made at Nashua returned to work after a three month. strike, were informed that there would e a readjustment of their waren besinning next Monday

This was followed by appouncement of increased wage schedules at Lowell and Lawrence, and later a conference of mill treasurers was held in this city. at the conclusion of which it was said that other mills in northern New Eng. land, including those at Dover, Somers worth, and Salmon Falls, N. H., would toin in the raise

Textile lator leaders in souther New England cities expressed the opinion that operatives in those context would refuse to accept in 5 in in Maine would follow the ac tion of the cotton mills.

Garment Wage Board.

The Minimum Wage Commission in statement announced that a wagbe organized on January 3. The commission's statement of wage conditions recently made. The Wage Board will attempt

"adjust wages so as to cover the workers" cost of living without injur-ing the financial condition of the industry," it is announced.
"The wages of a substantial number of the of the women garment makers of the State are too low to supply the neces-

sary cost of living and to maintain the workers in health," the board said. PATERSON, N. J., Dec. 25 -- A volun-

NEW YORK, Dec. 20,-The United

has been granted to the 1,400 employs

For the year 1914 preferred stock to the amount of 12.536 shares was sold to employes on a basis of \$105 a share and 15.830 shares of common stock at regular army can not be kept up to its No preferred stock will a share. No preferred stock offered to employes next year.

BY PUBLIC PRINTER WILL BREAK GROUND

Appointments and Transfers at Government Office Will Be Effective Today.

Effective today, the following anpointments and transfers have been numbe in the Government Printing Of-

Appointments-Miss Flossic M. Yates. dilled laborer, female, transferred from Ruleau of Engraving and Printing skilled laborer, female, Mrs. Myra B. Betir, bander, probational. Lewis i. Hall and Lod man Johnson, probation is messenger boys. William H. Augstein and Theodore Maurs, probational well-bluders.

Transfers-Andrew Mortenson, skilled laborer, 25 cents per hour, engineer E. Waiter, temporary linetype opera-tor, no cents per hour, linetype section, to probational Unotype operator CO cents number of combatants, there is nothing whatever to warrant hopes for peace soon.

Sheafter, assistant monotype machinist in charge. To cents per hour, to monotype machinist in charge. To cents per hour, monotype section (night). Charles A. Beatty, skilled laborer, 2 cents per hour, stores division, to watchman, \$720, mere comfort to all this; there is the protection of city dwellers against noises which physicians say are contributory to many nervous complaints.

ONCE MORE A HALL OF RECORDS

"Letter Maney Forcy-ince Teals hour, stores division, to watchman, \$120, per annum, watch force section. Salvator Camatello, stilled laborer, 25 cents per hour, presswork civision, to watchman, \$120, per annum, watch force section, to resswork civision, to watchman, \$120, per annum, watch force section. Salvator Camatello, stilled laborer, 25 cents per hour, pressenger boy, 15 cents per hour, linetype section, to probational messenger boy, 15 cents per hour, linetype section, to probational messenger boy, 15 cents per hour, linetype section, to probational messenger boy, 15 cents per hour, linetype section, to probational messenger boy, 15 cents per hour, linetype section, to probational messenger boy, 15 cents per hour, linetype section, to probational messenger boy, 15 cents per hour, linetype section, to probational messenger boy. 15 cents per hour, linetype section, to probational messenger boy, 15 cents per hour, linetype section, to probational messenger boy, 15 cents per hour, linetype section, to per annum, watch force section. Salvator Camatello, stilled laborer, 25 cents per hour, pressured by the per annum, watch force section. Salvator Camatello, stilled laborer, 25 cents per hour, pressured by the per annum, watch force section. Salvator Camatello, stilled laborer, 25 cents per hour, pressured by the per annum, watch force section, to pressure the per annum, watch force section. Salvator contribution to pressure the per annum, watch force section, to pressure the per annum, watch force section to per annum, watch force section, to pressure the per annum, watch force section to per a Hoy L. Bildman, temporary messenger cents per hour, monotyne sec er hour, monotype section. Thaddeus Schultz, temporary messenger bey 15 cents per hour, pamphlet binding section (night), to probational messen, or box, 15 cents per hour, pamphlet binding section (night).

On New Fleet Submarines

The Navy Department announced to day that the new fleet submarines to be constructed will be equipped with steam machinery for operating on the surface, a new departure made necessary by the 254knot speed requirement Experiments are being conducted with boilers of the torpedo type which supply NORPOLE. Va. Dec. 20. An electric steam to high speed turbines which. sorse, which will gallop, run and stand The boilers use oil as fuel. Electric

paper only; must not exceed 200 words in length, and must be signed with name and address of the sender. The publication of letters in The Times Mail Bag does not mean the indorsement by The Times of the opinions of the writer. The Mail Bag is an open forum, where the citizens of Washington may argue moot questions.

That's What They're For.

the Editor of the Times Does anybody ever wear these polymudiel gowns? If so, when , where, EL GROUCHO. and why? Washington, Dec. 29.

Pleads For International Defense. To the Editor of THE TIMES

Not national defense, but interne tional defense is the public question of paramount importance. The defense of our own house and of our neighbor's more sensible, and better than the defense of our house alone.

It is proposed to organize a United States of America League in Cardenas Cuba, to co-operate with all individuals, publications, organizations, and governments on the western hemisphere that favor or can be induced to favor the creation of an international government and an internatioal army and navy. Sincerely yours,

DR. CARLOS BETANCOURT. Cardenas, Cuba, December 17.

Doubts That the Ancona "Stood Still." When Engines Were Stopped.

To the Editor of THE TIMES I have been very much asionished by all you have published, or anyone else, for that matter, about the "standing still" of the Ancona. So much seems to depend upon the idea conveyed. Any seaman knows that it is impossible for a ship to "stand still at sea.

The captain of the Ancona, after running at speed in trying to get away, stopped his engines after the first few miles, probably more, and this took about ten or fifteen minutes. In the meantine, to a submarine low in the water, she was apparently yet trying to get away. It is said that confusion reigned and that no attempt was mede to lack the engines until headway was storped. You can imagine what hap-rened to the boats. Even if the engines had been backed full speed she would have carried her leadway rest A SEAMAN.

Well, Here's One the Copy Desk Wrangles About, Too. a the Editor of THE TIMES

malied to The Times tecently letter on the use of the word "people In the letter I referred to the fact that an advertisement of The Literary Digest, in the street cars, made use the word "people" when "persons according to the best authorities, should board for the garment industry would have been used. In The Americal Magazine's January number, an "ad reads: "285,000 People pass here daily. was based on the results of a study it would appear that the mistake

common. To say that 35.00 people pass a plameans that a number of units, to the extent of 285,000, pass that point, and it these units are to be called people, the each one of the 25,000 units is a people. As this is obviously wrong, and as each one of the 25,000 units is really person, then it should be said that

person, then it should be said that "285,000 Persons pass here daily."
There has been a great deal of controversy over this subject within the past few days, and I will appreciate the courtesy of The Times in giving an authoritative ruling on the point involved.
FRANCIS de SALES RYAN.

Believes Mr. Hay's Plan to Reduce Term of Enlistment Would Make Greater Defense Forces.

to the Editor of THE TIMES. Of the four plans for building up the national defense now under discussion the one proposed by Congressman James Hay seems the most practicable It would be a considerable undertaking

FOR M. E. CHURCH

Services Saturday Morning At Sixteenth and Lamont tures made on a recent trip around the world is another feature of the collection as are three netures by Lucien tion as are three netures by Lucien tion as a second trip around the netures that the neture tion are three netures to the ne

At Mr. Pleasant Methodist Episcopai Miss Hattie E. Church South, Saturday morning, at to Saunders, Hilda Belchers, Alice Schille o'clock, will be held the services in car- of Cincinnati; Felice Waido Howell Jane Feterson, of New York; Miss L. o'clock, will be held the services in carnection with the breaking of ground for the new edifice to be constructed at Sixteenth and Lament streets north-

Members of the consregation and Sunday school will assemble at the hall. 1412 Park road northwest, and, headed by the paster, the Rev. Porest J. Prettyman, march to the new tract, where the coremonies will be held.

The program will be as follows: Hy The program will be as follows: If you by the congregation: prayer by the Res. I. L. Kibler: hymn by the Sundaschool, remarks by the presiding click the Rey. H. M. Fanter: signing of contract, George A. Myers for the building committee and W. A. Kimmill for significant address by the pastor, the Rey. Forest J. Preityman: taking of actures of the congregation; breaking of ground by the Rey. W. V. Tudor, F. D. Myer, L. L. Printum, president of work ground by the Rev. W. V. Tudor, P. of ground by the Rev. W. V. Tudor, P. of growth of the Mrs. J. J. Printup, president of the Mrs. J. J. J. Printup, president of the Mrs. J. J. J. Printup, president of the Mrs. J. J. J. J. Printup, president of the Mrs. J. J. J. Printu an's missionary so Lairman of board of stewards; J. 191 Carpenter, superintendent of Sunday school: F. A. Frost, president of the

Enworth League
The trustees are W. A. Bennett,
George W. Deitrick, J. R. Fague, M.
Cary Figg, Elmert Hum, L. P. Kennedy, E. E. Munsey, George A. Myers
and W. F. Tomlinson, The building
committee is composed of Rey, Forces

spent for recruiting. As far as my experience gees, the associates

chief trouble is that the term of enlist we could get a much better class of men, and more of them, who would learn more quickly, and after comple-tion of their training a good proportion of them would return to the colors in time of need. Of course, army officers will not listen to this proposition. drilling recruits is not a pleasant d But German officers, who receive on about half as much pay as ours, do no feel themselves above work of thi feel themselves above work of this kind and turn out good infantrymen in from fifteen to eighteen months. Those who pass a mental examination about house will be easier, less expensive | equivalent to that required for admision to the average American college, serve only one year, as the military au-thorities have found that men of this

> of them getting commission later on. We have fine material; all it needs i training, and this can best be done, especially in the infantry, through the organized militia, which should be paid the Federal Government, for service rendered, and called on whenever and wherever needed. If Mr. Hay's plan to militia one-fourth of the lars' pay is passed, its strength and efficiency will soon be doubled.
> VIRGINIUS WARREN.

type can be made efficient in that time

Washington, December 25. Here's a Tale With a Moral: Be

You're a Nut. the Editor of THE TIMES

Twas the night of our Christmas that Mickie" and I. decided we'd walk down the street just to try, the effect estimate would only partially represent of that lesson by Winifred Black on the Christmas spirit, before we came

Now, here let me say, that long before warning shots, but, or course, the stip morn we came back home dry as a kept her way on, losing speed gradually dry powder-horn. Belief in this state until she had traversed at least two ment may still be refused by those by whom we were falsely accused. However, on Seventh street "Mickie" and I decided to give "Winnie's" method a try. We gave "Merry Christmas."

a try. We gave "Merry Christmas, and once in a while, as spirit of Christmas directed a smile. One crusty of gent with a gold-headed cane, said the "brand" that we "toted had made us hisane and some others remarked that our movements were fickle, and doubt less were due to a holiday "pickle", and a Ninth street "con." I won't call his number, said the street wasn't made for us to encumber. That Christmas spirit we thought we had clinched, with a smile-but, "bedad!" we nearly got "pinched." Such treatment has left our minds in a fog, and humble enough t shake hands with a dog; which clear is due to that sermon, you see, in The Washington Times by Winifred B. If the Christmas spirit ennobles the mind, there may be, I think—well—more

one kind Yet Winifred's right, I believe, under stand; but I guess we dropped in where they sell the wrong brand. Washington, Dec. 27.

WATER-COLOR CLUB HAS ANNUAL EXHIBIT

Improved Arrangements At Corcoran Art Gallery Make Possible Better Views.

Owing to the improved arrangement made possible by recent alterations in the Corcoran Gallery of Art the unusually strong and pleasing collecion of water colors, included in the wentieth annual exhibition of the Washington Water Color Club, which was opened for private view today, it shown to excellent advantage. The exhibition will be open to the public tomorrow and will continue until lanuary 20. There will be a reception at the gallery from 8 to 11 o'clock this evening.

A pastel sea scene by Birge Harrison holds the place of honor in the exhibition, while the place of honor on the flat wall has been given to a nountain theme done in water colors by William H, Holmes, president of the club. Mr. Harrison has also con tributed a picture of Fifth avenue a night.

Miss Leslie Jackson's group of l'owell and pastels by Mrs. M. Leisen ring. Other pictures in the exhibition are contributed by Miss Bertha Noyes William J. Whittemore, of New York Miss Chr Burdette. Hazelhursi Vinton, Hand von Bartels, Mr. Gruppe, Miss Grace McKinstry of Minnesota: John F. Carlson, of New York: Charles W. Hudson, of Boston; Shuster, of Minnesota Williams, of Baltimore; Adele Nye, Miss Elizabeth Spaiding, of Den ver. M. W. Zimmerniau, of Philadel-phia: Miss Monroe, Mr. Fitzpatrick, Mr. Weller, Miss Mublhefer, and others

Date Not Yet Set For Hebrew Relief Meeting

Church, Second Baptist Church, Centendal Laptist Church, evening Massnic-Lebanon, No. 3, social session Massnic-Lebanon, No. 3, social session Old Fellows Central, No. 1; Metropolis, No to alleviate the raffering of Hebrews in war-stricken Europe, that no date would be set for the meeting until Presentent Wilson returns and Congress reconvenes.

Mr. Wolf said he intended inviting the Ar. Wolf said the interded inviting the President, a number of Congression and Senators, and many other promise nent public mer to attend the meeting and make addresses. He indicated that the suggestion of holding the relief meeting in the Eighth Street Temple had been well received, and that a large attendance well received, and that a large attendance was assetzed.

I. Prettyman, pastor: George A. Myerchairman; G. Edgar Jones, secretar
E. E. Munsey, treaster, and W.
Bennett.

Gell complement despite the very large that it is presented in the collection of more than Y. M. C. A. at Four Myer Tuesday
that \$1,000 at a mass meeting similar for the children of the officers and ento it care planned by Mr. Wolf and his

JOHN D.'S WEALTH TRIPLED BY COURT

Standard Oil Dissolution Increased Stock From \$675 to Over \$1,700.

NEW YORK, Dec. 30 John Rockefeller's wealth, seconding to an estimate made public vesterday, has alnost tripled since the Standard Oil Corporation was dissolved by an order of the United States Supreme Court in May, 1911. The Standard Oil Company's in which Rockefeller's main wealth is generally believed to be cen was worth about 2675 a share at tered. the time of the dissolution. Today Wall Street estimates the old stock to be worth in the neighborhood of \$2,000 a

Rockefeller, prior to the dissolution of the company, held 247,692 shares, or about 25 per cent of the total stock These holdings had a market value of \$167.192,100 when the derroe of the Supreme Court was handed down, basing the estimate on a value of \$675 a share

Stock Worth Over \$1,700.

Those shares today, according to the estimate, have a market value of more Happy and Cheery, But-Not than \$421,000,000, based on the price of Among Strangers: They'll Think \$1,700 for old Standard vill stock, as it is now quoted. Wall Street, however believes the value of old Standard Oil stock is far in excess of \$1,700. Two thousand dollars a share is regarded as a more accurate price, and even this the present and potential value of the

At \$2,0000 a share, the value of John D. Rockefeller's hoblings of close to 250,000 shares is approximately 7500, 900,000. All of this stock, however, to not held by Rockefeller, as some of it has been turned over to the Rockefeller Foundation and other charitable institutions.

wealth of other large Standard The wealth of other large Standard Oil stockholders shows a correspondingly big increase. The value of the shares held by the entate of Charles Pratt has increased from \$35.000,000 to \$89.700,000 The 42.000 snares held by C. W. Harkness have advanced in market value from \$29.000,000 to \$72.000,000.

Sold Only Pipe Lines.

The priginal Standard Off Company of New Jersey was controlled by ten individual and two estates. With the exception of the stack act aside by Rockefeller for various purposes, It is believed by Wall Street that the holdthus of the big Standard Oil stock-holders are intact. It is the opinion of well-informed persons that the "insiders" have sold only the pire lines. Twenty-nine individuals and estates held 568,925 of 283,383 shares of the Standard Oil Company of New Jersey. which at the time of the dissolution had a market value of \$384.025,050. The market value of that steek now is approximately \$167,824,000. The nominal market price of \$1.500 n share for the old stock includes stock dividends.

WHAT'S ON PROGRAM IN CAPITAL TODAY

Annual meeting, American Society of International Law, New Willard, 10 a.m.
Convention, American Civic Association, New Willard, 10 a.m.
Convention, International Congress of Americanists, New National Museum, 10 a.m.
Christmas dance, Thera Pi Scrority of Eastern High School, Congress Hall Hotel, 5. p. m. hristmas festival services. St. Paul's M. E. Church, Second and S streets northwest. p. m. Masonic—LaFayette, No. 19. Odd Fellows—Covenant, No. 13: Columbia. No. 10: Salem. No. 22. election.

Amusements. National—Sybil. ** 8.00 p. m Belasco—The Hawk, ** 8:20 p. m. Poli s—Under Cover. ** 2:15 and 8:15 p. m. Keith a Vaudeville. 2:15 and 8:15 p. m. Casino—The Royot. ** 2:15 and 8:15 p. m. Gayety—Burlesque. 2:15 and 8:15 p. m. Gayety-Burlesque, 2:15 and 8:15 p. m National-Philiparmonic Society concert, 4:30

Tomorrow.

Annual meeting, American Society of International Law, New Willard, 10 a. m.
Convention, American Civic Association, New Willard, 10 a. m.
Convention, International Congress of Americanists, New National Museum, 10 a. m.
Convention, American Association of Historians, New Willard, 10 a. m.
Meeting, Woman's Inter-denominational Missionary Union, Public Library, 2 p. m.
Address on "China," Mrs. Wilbur F.
Crafts.
Address, "Air and Ventilation." Dr. John R.
Nichole, before National Society of Kesp.
Wells, parish hall of St. John's Church. 1
p. m. p. m. Ladies' night, Richard J. Harden Camp. No. 2, Department of the Potomac, United Spanish War Veterans, in headquarters, \$ p. m.
Dance and cabaret, Washington Lodge, No.
15, R. P. O. E., in club house, S.p. m.
Address, "Gen. George Washington and His
Amoestral Homes in America and Abroad,"
Col. Joseph I. Keefer, at watch right
meeting, G. A. R. Hall, 10 p. m.
Dance, Potomac Boat (10), in club house,
S.p. m.

Dance, Potomac Boat Club, in club house, 8 p. m.

Meeting, National Democratic Women of America, New Ebbitt, 8 p. m.

Reception for delegates to Pau American Scientific Congress, District Branch of the University of Michigan Aliumh Association, English Roum, Raleigh, 6 p. m.

Watch night services, Douzias Memorial Church, New York Avenue Presbyterian Church, Union M. E. Church, Trinity M. E. Church, S. Paul's Lutheran Church, Immanual Baptist Church, Pifth Baptist Church, Second Baptist Church, Centennial Espitial Church, evening

No. 11.

2018 of Jonadab-Watch night parties by
Hope Council, No. 1: Unity Council, No.

2 John C. Daley Council, No. 2 and Capttol-Harmony Council, No. 5.

Given Xmas Festival

listed men and those living in the va cinity of the military post. Santa Claus was still in a generous meed and all the children received treasurable gifts from him. Santa Claus was represented by Mrs. Hugh L. Scott, wife of the chief of staff of the United Sistes Army. Among the features of the entertain-ment, held around a brilliantly lighted and profusely decorated tree were as lections by the Fifth taxalry Band. a lections by the Fifth Lavairy Band, a motion picture show by A. I. Smith recretary of the Fort Y. M. C. A. and in address by William Knowles Coopergeneral secretary of the Washington Y. M. C. A. The entire assemblage, about 200 persons, arose and saig. The Star-Spangled Banner, at the conclusion of the exercises, following which benediction was pronounced by Major T.

pronounce O'Keefe, chaplain of the Fifth Cavalry.

One Year Ago Today in the War Russian armies assumed the offensive from East Prussia to west-

ern Galicia. Japan denied that troops would be sent to aid the allies.

The American aviator, Francis Hewlett, with the French Foreign Legion, reported lost, was found in Holland.